

Erie County Human Relations Commission

Minutes – October 27, 2015

Attendance

Commissioners: George Morgan, Bob Howden, Willie McAdory, Adam Williams, Judy Jobes, Amy Danzer
Staff: Joe Aguglia, Heidi Meyer, Charlotte Scalise

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

Approval of Minutes

The motion was made to approve the minutes of August (September's were just notes as there was no quorum) by Bob Howden and seconded by Adam Williams. Approved unanimously.

Directors Report

The proposed budget for the Commission office was the same as last year. No cuts seem imminent. The state budget impasse probably won't affect the Commission's staff much.

Willie McAdory asked for the number of cases that have been filed and closed this year. Joe Aguglia will update the list he distributed in the summer as an almost end of year summary. It will be distributed at the next meeting.

Old Business

Staff attended fair housing trainings in Geneva on the Lake, OH and Clarion, PA. These will help us plan for new sessions to offer at our fair housing seminar as well as possible presenters.

George Morgan drafted a letter to Advisory Board and Commission members who have not attended meetings regularly. This was sent to Joe Aguglia two weeks ago. George was asked to share this letter with Charlotte Scalise who will help ensure the letter gets printed and sent.

New Business

Luisa Heifner had been on the Advisory Board previously but she resigned when she moved out of town. She has moved back and wished to rejoin the Advisory Board. Her name was submitted to County Council for approval.

Luvennise Gamble has verbally resigned from the Advisory Board.

George Morgan was re-nominated as chair, Bob Howden was re-nominated for vice-chair and Amy Danzer was re-nominated for secretary. Nominations will also take place at next month's meeting. Voting will take place in January.

The meeting with the Fair Housing Resource Center who will be doing the county fair housing testing will take place tomorrow at 10:00 in the HRC offices. Any commissioner who would like to attend is welcome. Testing will begin after the meeting.

Joe Aguglia and Heidi Meyer will attend training in November on Employment Law sponsored by the Erie County Bar Association.

There is funding through CDBG for a commercial for fair housing. St. Martin was to do one but they have backed out. The staff will discuss this further with the City of Erie.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Amy Danzer and seconded by Adam Williams. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.